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Worship

Minutes....

of the
Forty-Fourth
Annual
....Session

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Carey Baptist Association....

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...1898...
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Concord Baptist Church...

Clay County,
Alabama,
October 11, 12 and 13

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

The Moderator shall call the meeting to order.

Read the letters and enroll the names of messengers.

Elect a Moderator and Clerk.

The Clerk shall be Treasurer.

Moderator appoint Committees on Preaching and Finance.

Read Abstract of Principles, Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

Call for Petitionary Letters.

Receive Correspondents from sister Associations.

Appoint Correspondents to sister Associations and Conventions.

Call for reports of Standing Committees.

Approve places of holding district meetings.

Appoint a person to write Corresponding Letters.

The Preaching Committee to report who shall preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session.

Appoint time and place of holding the next session of this Association.

Hear the Report on Finance.

Consider resolutions that may be entertained by the body.

Miscellaneous business.

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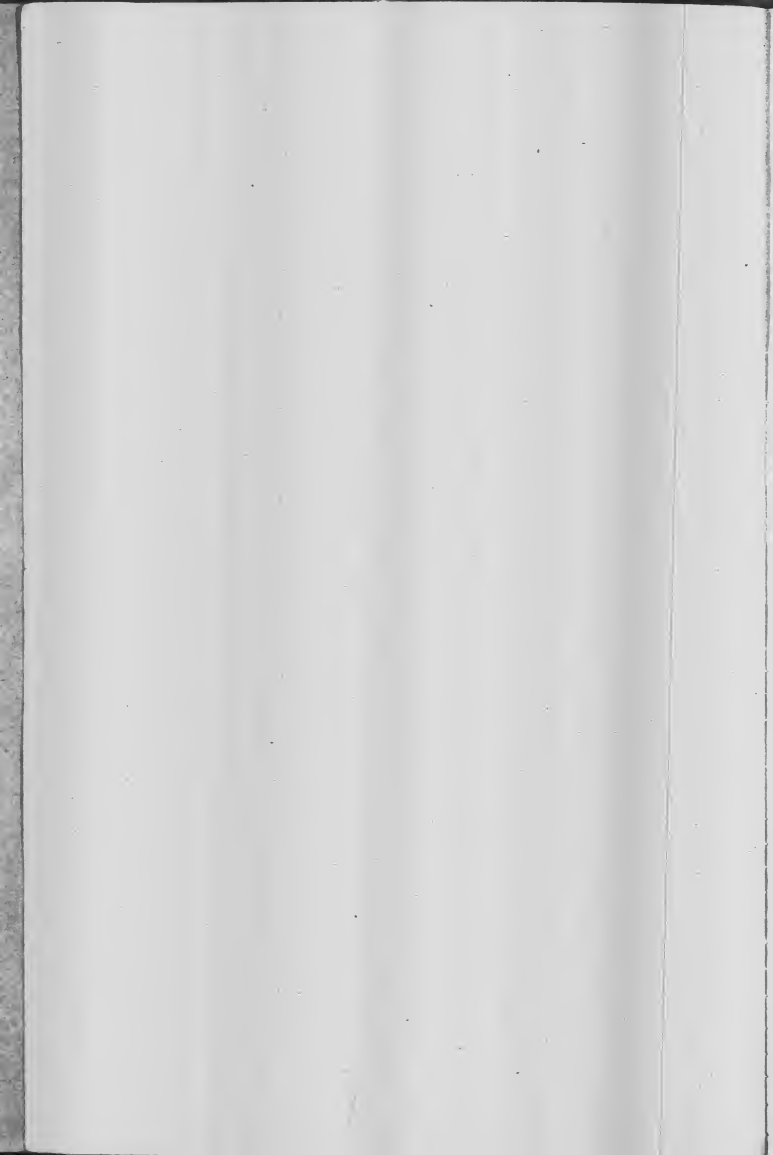
OFFICERS:

REV. W. T. DAVIS, MODERATOR, Lineville, Ala.

J. A. BELL, CLERK AND TREASURER, Lineville, Ala.

The next session of the Carey Baptist Association will be held with Spring Hill Baptist Church, near Idaho, Ala., commencing on Tuesday before the second Sunday in October, 1898.

PRESS OF OUR MOUNTAIN HOME,
TALLADEGA, ALA.,
1898.



MINUTES.

The ministers and messengers composing the forty-fourth annual session of the Carey Baptist Association assembled with the Baptist church at Concord on Tuesday, the 11th day of October, 1898, at 11 o'clock A. M.

After singing and prayer, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. R. Stodghill. Text, Exodus 1:3.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. W. T. Davis, and after devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. C. T. Culpepper, the letters from the churches were read by C. J. Bentley, J. W. Dean and J. F. Ingram, and the following messengers from the churches were enrolled:

ASHLAND—L. G. Dean, W. S. Jones and J. W. Jordan.
ANTIOCH, (Tall. Co.)—L. B. Champion and P. J. Pursley.
HATCHETT CREEK—H. Ingram, J. D. Garrett and M. L. Ponder.
FRIENDSHIP—W. E. Horn and W. T. Grogan.
LIBERTY—J. W. Walker, J. D. Hallman and G. C. Haynes.
MOUNT LEBANON—C. S. Campbell and J. D. Wade.
ROCK HILL—W. H. Presley and I. E. Waites.
SPRING HILL, (Clay Co.)—W. B. Wesley and M. W. Whatley.
POLE BRIDGE—J. T. D. Dison, G. L. Griffin and G. W. Riley.
BOWDON GROVE—J. C. Hamlin and J. H. Watts.
MOUNT ZION—M. V. Nicholes and W. Strickland.
MILLERVILLE—Felix Parsons, J. P. Harvell and W. H. Harvell.
NEW SALEM—B. J. Worthy, William Grimes and W. J. Hickey.
PROVIDENCE—E. C. Holdridge, E. W. Vernon and W. B. Sorley.
ROCKEY CREEK—
ROCK SPRINGS—B. F. Luker and J. M. Luker.
SARDIS—P. H. Burns and W. G. H. Blanks.
UNION HILL—J. P. Williams and W. J. Williams.
BETHEL, (Clay Co.)—F. M. Goodwin and G. B. Blair.
COUNTY LINE—L. Leftwich and J. W. Dean.
CORINTH—P. Y. Robertson and J. F. Carter.
LYSTRA—T. E. Runyan, J. H. Gaither and C. Tiney.
MOUNT CALVARY—T. J. Motley and R. W. Claybrook.

MOUNT OLIVE—J. W. Wright and A. H. Stephens.
MOUNT PISGA—J. T. Mountain and Miles Holdridge.
MOUNTAIN SPRINGS—J. A. Burns, J. M. Laney and T. J. Shivers.
UNION—J. P. Motley, J. L. Edwards and J. D. Fuller.
SPRING HILL, (Tall. Co.)—J. D. Dunn, W. B. Thompson, J. D. Pepper and C. C. Fargason.

ANTIOCH—

CONCORD—Z. T. Carpenter and T. S. Barton.
GOOD HOPE—T. A. Edmonson, Sol. Whatley and N. F. Owens.
LINEVILLE—J. A. Bell, W. B. Smith, W. J. Green and J. E. Moon.
MOUNT PROSPECT—J. W. T. Hendon and P. T. Yates.
NEW HOPE—J. D. Farrow and W. M. Childs.
SALEM—S. Y. Lamberth, L. Browning, W. M. Farrow and J. R. Lashly.

SHILOH—B. A. Coleman, J. F. Preston and N. L. Parker.

ZION HILL—

MOUNT PLEASANT—W. P. Bell, J. H. Barfield and G. T. Moore.
HOLLY SPRINGS—
BETHEL, (Tall. Co.)—A. W. Dison, W. D. Phillips and J. S. Smith.
BIG SPRINGS—C. P. Stone and W. D. Stone.

Call for petitionary letters. Received a letter from Big Springs Baptist Church. Church was admitted into the Association.

W. T. Davis was re-elected Moderator, and J. A. Bell was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, the Business Directory in last year's minutes was made the order of business for the present session.

On motion, Brethren C. J. Bently, J. R. Stodghill and J. R. Conger were appointed to write a report on Institute Work for the present session.

The Moderator announced the following committees to report at the present session :

PREACHING COMMITTEE—J. D. Dunn, J. F. Preston and messengers of Concord church.
FINANCE COMMITTEE—M. W. Whatley, J. D. Garrett and J. T. D. Dison.

Correspondents were received as follows :

BOWLING SPRINGS—Rev. J. A. Shaddix, Joseph Clark, J. A. Dover, E. A. Stansell, J. A. C. Shaddix, J. P. Elder and F. M. Dempsy.
EAST LIBERTY—Rev. G. A. Hornady, F. P. Nichols and Thomas Denny.
COOSA RIVER—D. W. Shaddix.

Committee on Hospitality made report, and then, on motion, the body adjourned until 8:30 A. M., Wednesday.

Preaching Committee announced that Rev. J. R. Conger would preach at 7 P. M. in the church.

WEDNESDAY, October 12, 8:30 A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. T. B. Fargason.

On motion, hours of meeting were adopted as follows: Begin at 8:30 A. M. and adjourn at 4 P. M., with one hour at noon for dinner.

Correspondents were appointed as follows:

EAST LIBERTY—Dr. J. W. Jordan, W. T. Davis, C. J. Bentley, C. T. Culpepper and W. H. Preston.

BOILING SPRINGS—W. T. Davis, W. H. Preston, J. W. Stephens, J. R. Stodghill and P. T. Yates.

ROCK MILLS—J. W. Knowls, J. W. Stephens and P. H. Burns.

CENTRAL—H. Ingram, J. M. Luker, J. P. Williams, J. J. McCord, Felix Parsons, J. R. Conger and W. H. Harvell.

COOSA RIVER—W. T. Davis and J. J. McCord.

ARBACOOCHEE—J. W. Kennedy, W. H. Preston and J. W. Stephens.

CALHOUN—W. T. Davis, John Walker and J. D. Hallman.

STATE CONVENTION—C. J. Bentley, W. H. Preston, J. F. Carter, John Walker, J. D. Dunn, M. W. Whatley, J. R. Conger, J. W. Jordan, C. T. Culpepper, W. T. Davis, J. R. Stodghill and T. B. Fargason.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—To convene at Lexington, Ky., May, 1899, Rev. C. J. Bentley; Alternate, Rev. J. R. Stodghill.

On motion, it was agreed to have reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions read and discussed under one head.

The following reports were read:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The position of the State Board of Missions in our system of mission work is by few of the Baptists of Alabama correctly estimated. The object of this report will be to place before this body a plain statement of the objects for which this Board was created and to strive thereby to awaken a deeper interest in its work.

1. To the State Board is committed all the interests of missions in Alabama, including the interest of the Home Mission Board, at Atlanta, and the Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond. The employees of the State Board are careful to look after these several phases of missions, realizing that distinctions between them are only in name, each having in view the same grand purpose, viz: The extension of the Master's kingdom among men in obedience to His command. Your committee deem it important that the fact that the State Board has in hand all these interests of missions, be clearly set forth, for a contribution to the support of the State Board is indi-

rectly a contribution to the Home and Foreign Boards. Attention is called to the evident fact that the prosperity of every phase of the mission work depends upon the prosperity of the State Board. If its policies are vigorously sustained, good results will be seen in every department of our work. Each consecrated man put on the field in Alabama, whether as evangelist, missionary pastor or colporteur, adds one to the number who have at heart every interest of the Master's kingdom.

2. The State Board is engaged in the following special lines of work:—

First—Evangelical. This means the employment of consecrated men to travel and preach among the churches, striving to awaken a deeper interest in the cause of missions at home and abroad, as well as visiting destitute regions and preaching to the lost the peerless Gospel of the blessed God. Of these men there are at present under the employment of the Board Brethren A. J. Preston, South-east Alabama; W. A. Parker, Sr., in South-west; J. W. Sandlin, in the North-east, and Jos. Shackelford, in the Northern part of the State. The importance of this work can be better appreciated when we remember that out of the 120 thousand white Baptists in the State not more than twelve thousand are making contributions to missions. To add to the number of regular contributions to the cause is greatly to be desired and must be done if we hope to enlarge the work and to do anything like what ought to be done in Alabama for the advancement of the Master's kingdom.

Second—Missionary Pastoral Work. This work consists in helping to support pastors at important points that give promise of soon growing into self-sustaining churches. Beyond question, the brightest page in the history of the State Board is that page that gives record of the work that has been done in this department of labor. There are more than a score of churches that are now strong and selfsupporting that in their early history were sustained by the State Board. Indeed many of them were planted by the Board. But while it is true that a grand work has been done, "there remaineth yet much land to be possessed." Many destitute fields are sounding the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," but lack of means prevents the Board from responding favorably.

It is proper to say in this connection that the Secretary of the Board gives much of his time to missionary and evangelistic work.

From these very brief statements we can gather some conception of the important work that is being done by our State Board of Missions. That this work commends itself to our hearty sympathy and support is a most evident proposition. Just at this time your committee is in position to know that the Board is sadly in need of funds. The Secretary is struggling to pay the indebtedness of the Board to its employees. Some of these have not been paid in the last year. Your committee speaks with authority when it assures this Association that the State Board of Missions was never in so pressing need of help as now; and we would urge the churches that in the very near future they make a special contribution to this work.

SUMMARY OF WORK FOR LAST CONVENTIONAL YEAR.

Number of men employed	17
Days of service	3,536
Miles traveled	23,747
Sermons delivered	1,831

Addresses delivered	533
Churches constituted	5
Persons baptized	335
Sunday Schools organized	8
Ladies' Missionary Societies organized	4
Prayer meetings held	246
Number of churches visited	683
Subscriptions to denominational papers	322
Pages of tracts distributed	40,000
Money collected for all missions by missionaries	\$4,449.17
Money collected for Orphanage	228.81
Bibles given away	150

C. J. BENTLY, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This branch of our mission field occupies the destitute places in our own country among our own people, also among the Indians and negroes. Outside of the Home field proper, Cuba has been aided for several years by this board, as if in anticipation of its addition to our own country. Dr. I. T. Tichener is its very efficient Secretary, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.

The statements above made show at a glance the importance of the work under the supervision of this branch of our mission work. Our own Southland, so inviting to immigration, should be thoroughly occupied by Southern Baptist so that this country shall continue in the future, as in the past, the stronghold of Baptist principles. Cuba, so recently freed from the galling yoke of Spanish rule, needs now, as never before, freedom from Roman Catholicism. Such men as Diaz need the co-operation of the Baptists of this country. From the report of the Home Board to the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention we learn the following facts which are indeed very encouraging:

The amount raised and expended on the field for Home Missions this year is \$54,251.04 against \$45,671.82 last year. There have been collected and expended in building houses of worship on the field this year \$56,385.46 against \$51,540 last year, making a total of money raised on the field \$110,636.50 against total raised on the field last year of \$97,211.82, an increase of \$13,424.68. Total cash received by the Board from all sources has been \$86,887.27 against \$83,184.31, an increase of \$3,702.96.

The number of missionaries employed this year was 467 against 372 last year. Baptisms this year 4,739 against 4,709 last year. Total additions to churches this year 9,509 against 9,455 last year.

It is gratifying to the Board under the adverse conditions of the year, to present to the Convention one of the best reports it has ever been privileged to make.

M. W. WHATLEY, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

The most stupendous undertaking that has ever been made is the work of human redemption. In order to the full consumation of this work, God has not spared his own dear son. And Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory, came to this world to seek and to save that which was lost, and having found men and women wandering in the darkness of sin, and having imparted to them the light of life, has en-

joined them to publish the news of salvation everywhere. In God's providence and in the divine order of things, the churches of the Carey Association are allowed to fill a place among the Lord's organized hosts. Dear Brethren, are we ready to honor the place we fill? By means of the Foreign Mission Board we have immediate and vital connection with our brethren in foreign lands, so that we may take the means in our hands and place them in theirs and say to them, "Use this for the glory of God." And through the columns of the Foreign Mission Journal we may enjoy communication with them and learn about their work. We have in foreign mission fields today seventy-six missionaries, with one hundred and seventeen native assistants; churches, one hundred and two; number of baptisms in 1897, seven hundred and one, and with a total membership of four thousand, seven hundred and sixty. And since, among these self-sacrificing workers and servants of Christ, Miss Willie Talley stands as a representative of the Alabama Baptist family in China today, and Mrs. H. P. McCormick in Mexico, and Brother J. W. McCullum and wife in Japan. Thus are we brought face to face with the consideration of individual responsibility in the work of foreign missions. Everywhere are open doors. The tremendous opposition in the past is gone, and the greatest hinderance now seems to be listless indifference at home. What a magnificent opportunity God is giving us. Dear Brethren, the time shall come when all the earth shall know the truth and the glorious reign of the Messiah shall extend from shore to shore and the world shall be full of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. Brother, sister, what is to be your part in this glorious consummation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. CONGER, Chairman.

After discussion by Brethren C. J. Bently, W. H. Preston, J. J. McCord, J. D. Dunn, T. B. Fargason, G. A. Hornady, C. T. Culpepper, J. W. Stephens and H. Ingram.

On motion, the body adjourned for one hour and a half for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 P. M.

The discussion of the above reports continued by Brethren J. R. Conger, J. R. Stodghill, F. P. Nichols, W. H. Preston, R. H. McCain, J. J. McCord and W. T. Davis. The reports were then adopted.

The following report on Institute Work was read:

REPORT ON INSTITUTE WORK.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

The history of Institute Work had its origin in the great need of our hard worked ministry for more efficient training in their efforts to develop the latent energies of the hosts of untrained Baptists of our State. The present system of Institute work in Alabama had its origin in the great heart and mind of the lamented D. I. Purser who, for three years, supervised a helpful Institute of one month

each session at Howard College after the regular session of college work. One of the lecturers in these summer Institutes was Rev. G. S. Anderson, who, in his lectures set forth a system of helpful work which the Institute asked Rev. Anderson to publish.

This the brother did, and began at the same time a plan of correspondence teaching of analectical Bible study, and on the urgent suggestion of many brethren the holding of Institutes in various points of our State whose free entertainment could be had, and where a sufficient number of preachers could come together, and study together the Bible, and talk together of our blessed Master's kingdom.

Two years ago the State Convention of Alabama espoused this cause by giving it a place in its affections and support, and Brother Anderson was appointed its special exponent and teacher. Last year at East Lake the committee placed this work under a special board, or committee, headquarters in Opelika, with W. E. Hudmon President and G. S. Anderson, Auburn, Secretary and Treasurer. This year this work has been pressed by the Board of Institute Management. Brother Anderson is teaching preachers through the mails, is publishing *The Sermonizer*, the organ of Institute work, and has already held several helpful meetings, two of which were held in our Association, at Daviston and Mount Pleasant. The brethren who attended can speak of the work of these meetings.

This, your committee desires to say, is a work second to none ever attempted by the Baptists in Alabama. It is reaching our tired, hard-worked ministry who are endeavoring to know their duty more fully in doing our Master's bidding. We all are benefited by this work and in turn its efforts will be felt by our people everywhere. At the last Southern Baptist Convention the Home Board was asked to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to advance the Institute work in the bounds of our Southern Baptist Convention. This shows an increased interest in this work among our people of the Southland. The Institute work in Alabama embraces not only such general work of lectures and helpful discussions as is generally the case in this work everywhere, but the work in our State embraces in addition, the system of Institute work as taught by G. S. Anderson, a gift of God to Alabama through a consecrated servant and brother who is giving his life to develop our ministry and through them the hosts of Baptist people in Alabama.

Brethren, this work asks for our attention, our love, our support, our prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. BENTLEY,
J. R. STODGHILL,
Committee.

Discussed by Rev. G. A. Hornady, J. R. Stodghill,
C. J. Bentley and adopted.

Report of Executive Committee was read and adopted
as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

Owing to lack of means we failed to employ an Evangelist in our Association; therefore we have accomplished nothing.

W. P. BELL,	A. P. OSLIN,
W. D. HAYNES,	Y. J. A. BARTLETT,
E. A. PHILLIPS,	Committee.

The following report on Sabbath schools was read :

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:—We are glad to say that there seems to be a greater interest taken by a goodly number of our churches in the Sunday school cause this year. Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Carey Baptist Association, may God stir your inmost souls up to the utmost diligence in teaching the children the Word of our blessed Jesus. Remember that their tender minds are like a piece of white paper and are susceptible of any impression that may be brought to bear upon them, whether it be good or bad. Remember the danger of evil impressions that may be, or may have been made, on their youthful minds, and oh, remember the importance of filling them with the knowledge of that Book of Books, the Bible. Let them know that the Bible is the will of God concerning them and us, teaching them that Jesus is the Savior of all men, especially those that believe on Him, teaching them that they must repent of their sins and be born of the water and of the Spirit before they can be saved. Brethren, read the 6th chapter of Deuteronomy and let its teachings, with all other scriptural admonitions, be your guide to aid you in directing their little roving feet in the way of life everlasting. I trust that you will do more on this line in the next Associational year.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. MOUNTAIN, Chairman.

After discussion by C. J. Bentley, C. T. Culpepper and J. R. Stodghill the report was adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 8:30 A. M. Thursday.

THURSDAY, October 13, 1898, 8:30 A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. A. Shaddix.

The Report on Periodicals was read as follows :

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, your committee, submit the following report:

We recommend first, the reading and study of the Bible; also the reading of The Alabama Baptist, The Sermonizer, The Foreign Missionary Journal and our own Sunday school literature.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. LUKER, Chairman.

Discussed by C. J. Bentley, J. D. Dunn, W. H. Preston, W. T. Davis, J. R. Conger, J. R. Stodghill and J. J. McCord. Adopted.

Report on Temperance was read as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

Intemperance is a grievous sin and to be practiced by members of the church is very hurtful to God's cause in the world. Therefore we ought to be temperate in all our habits, and especially in the use of strong drink, and to be temperate in strong drink is not to use it at all as a beverage. God's Word is very plain in teaching us not to be overtaken by it, and we believe it would be much plainer in its teaching on the subject if malt liquors had been in use when the Bible was written. By the use and traffic of strong drink the church and God's cause in the world is being hurt and hindered. It is causing more deaths, making more widows and orphans, causing more trouble and suffering than any other evil in the world.

Strong drink has been a curse to the human family in all ages of the world. It brought a curse on the family of good old Noah. Its evil effects have been growing much faster since the invention of malt liquors. It is evilly affecting our law-making power, both State and Federal. It is blasting the minds and ruining the characters of our young men, and even in our beloved Clay county it has been used to affect elections; therefore we find it to be the greatest agent the devil has on earth to do his accursed work. Therefore, brethren and sisters and Christian friends, we ask you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join us in praying and working to suppress the traffic in and the social drinking of the accursed stuff. We also ask all Christians to abstain from its use except it be by the advice of a sober physician.

We now, in conclusion, thank God that the great God-sent work of prohibition is growing in our beloved blood-bought gospel land.

Brethren and sisters, in the name of the Lord Jesus, we can stop it, and we must stop it. Can we as churches tolerate dram-drinking among members of the church and be consistent with the Word of God?

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. McCord, Chairman.

APPENDIX.

RESOLVED, 1ST, That it is the sense of this body that no member of a Baptist church should be guilty of visiting barrooms, or of social dram-drinking.

2D, That we advise the churches not to retain such in their membership.

J. R. STODGHILL.

Discussed by Brethren J. J. McCord, W. P. Bell, J. D. Dunn, Dr. J. W. Jordan, C. T. Culpepper, W. H. Preston, C. J. Bentley, J. R. Conger, T. B. Fargason and J. F. Ingram. Adopted.

Report on Orphans' Home was read :

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, beg to report that our Home at Evergreen for the fatherless and motherless children of our State has been near the hearts of our people since its establishment, and the necessity for larger apartments have grown with the months. Some of these improvements have been made and paid for with the exception of about \$400, which is needed at once that the Home may be dedicated at the time appointed, which is October 20.

We now have 21 boys and 33 girls in the Home and it takes about \$325 per month to feed and clothe the children. The total expenses are about \$400 per month, which is nearly \$5,000 per annum. This is required from day to day and month to month and therefore we should send something each month to feed these children. We beg that each messenger on his return home will make of himself a committeeman to solicit for the Orphanage and send up a contribution at once for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. STODGHILL, Chairman.

Discussed by J. R. Stodghill and adopted.

The report on Finance was read by M. W. Whatley, and adopted as follows :

FINANCIAL REPORT.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report :

We find for Minutes, cash	\$ 52 06	
State Missions—		
Cash	48 30	
Voucher	32 62	\$80 92
Home Missions—		
Cash	36 38	
Voucher	56 93	93 31
Foreign Missions—		
Cash	33 90	
Voucher	106 11	140 01
Ministerial Education—		
Cash	7 00	
Voucher	4 20	11 20
Bible and Colportage—		
Voucher	8 50	
Orphans' Home—		
Cash	28 41	
Voucher	85 56	113 97
Institute Work—		
Cash	27 55	
Voucher	11 09	38 64
Expenses delegate to S. B. C.—		
Voucher	6 65	

Total for all Purposes—		
Cash	233 60	
Voucher	314 63—	548 23
Respectfully submitted,		
M. W. WHATLEY,		
J. D. GARRETT,		
J. T. D. DISON,		
Committee.		

On motion, it was agreed for the Moderator and Clerk to set times and places of holding Fifth Sunday Meetings. They will be: 1st, Fifth Sunday Meeting to convene with Lineville Church, January, 1899; 2d, Fifth Sunday Meeting to convene with Daviston Church, April, 1899; 3d, Fifth Sunday Meeting to convene with Rock Springs, July, 1899.

The Clerk was appointed to write the Corresponding Letter.

On motion, C. J. Bentley, W. T. Davis and J. A. Bell were appointed to revise the Articles of Faith.

Rev. C. J. Bentley was selected to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of this Association; alternates, Rev. J. C. Motley.

On motion, the next session of this Association will be held with the Spring Hill Baptist Church, near Idaho post-office on Tuesday before the second Sunday in October, 1899.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

RESOLVED, 1st, That the Clerk be allowed fifteen dollars for making out minutes.

RESOLVED, 2nd, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered this church and community for their hospitality during our stay among them.

RESOLVED, 3rd, That the pastors and messengers of this Association be requested to begin immediately taking monthly collections for our denominational work, especially during the winter months.

Miscellaneous business.

Letters of dismission were granted to the following churches, viz: Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Prospect, Concord, Bowden Grove and Shiloh.

On motion, a collection was taken for Sister Betty Whatley, amounting to \$20.55.

After the singing of a song, the ministers and messen-

gers extended the parting hand, and Rev. J. R. Stodghill led in fervent prayer.

The Moderator then announced that the Association stood adjourned.

W. T. DAVIS, Moderator.

J. A. BELL, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

To amount received from:

Finance Committee	\$233 60
General Collection for Mrs. Betty Whatley.	20 55

Total	\$254 15
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By am't paid W. C. Bledsoe, State Missions	\$ 48 10
By am't paid W. C. Bledsoe, Home Missions.	36 24
By am't paid W. C. Bledsoe, Foreign Missions	33 78
By am't postage and fees on above	46
By am't paid W. A. Hobson, Ministerial Education.	6 93
By am't fee and postage on same.	07
By am't paid Jno. W. Stewart, Orphans' Home.	28 25
By am't fee and postage on same.	16
By am't paid G. S. Anderson, Institute work	27 39
By am't fee and postage on same.	16
By am't voucher Z. T. Carpenter for Mrs. B. Whatley	20 55
By am't Minutes and services of Clerk	52 06

Total	\$254 15
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CORRESPONDING LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The forty-fourth annual session of the Carey Baptist Association has just closed. The Session was a pleasant, instructive and profitable one.

Our people are awakening to the great responsibilities under which they are resting, and have advanced during the last Associational year in numbers and contributions, and we trust, in grace.

Brethren, we should be up and doing; there is a great influx of strangers and foreigners into our State, who advocate strange doctrines, and who, unless we assimilate them, will conform the next generation to their views in a great degree. To guard against this, we should foster all our institutions to the extent of our ability.

We solicit your future correspondence, and have appointed correspondents to represent us in your Associations.

CLERK.

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION.

STATE MISSIONS—J. R. Stodghill, J. W. Jordan, and T. E. Runyan.

HOME MISSIONS—J. R. Conger, B. J. Worthy and W. B. Sorley.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—M. W. Whatley, B. B. Cotton and J. T. Dison.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—H. J. Willingham, T. B. Fargason and W. M. Farrow.

INSTITUTE WORK—C. J. Bentley, W. C. Brooks and J. H. Harvell.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. D. Dunn, S. Y. Lamberth and A. W. Brewer.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE—M. M. Driver, B. F. Luker, J. D. Garrett.

TEMPERANCE—J. C. Motley, W. M. Worthy and L. B. Champion.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—W. P. Arnett, J. J. Smith, L. A. Gibson, H. H. Baird and W. H. Harvell.

ORPHANS' HOME—C. T. Culpepper, J. J. McCord and J. P. Motley.

PERIODICALS—H. Ingram, W. J. Williams and G. L. Griffin.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall meet annually as an advisory council, and shall be composed of messengers chosen by the churches of this union, and all regularly ordained ministers of our faith and order within the bounds of the body.

2. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, irrespective of numbers, and one for every additional fifty thereafter over fifty.

3. The messengers and ministers thus covenanted shall be denominated the CAREY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present at each session, and shall be of the body, holding their offices until the next election. The Clerk shall also be Treasurer of the Association.

5. The churches of this union shall express in their letters the names of their messengers and their postoffices, Sabbath of meeting, amount of contributions, number baptized, received by letter, restored to fellowship, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last session of this Association.

6. No act of the Association shall be binding on the churches, but it shall be its duty to give advice in matters of difficulty and endeavor to preserve the union of the churches.

7. If any churches desire to be admitted into this union they shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association.

8. Any church may withdraw from this Association at discretion, or, on application, may obtain a letter of dismission.

9. This Association shall use her own discretion as respects the cause of missions, leaving the churches and members to exercise their own opinion in such cases.

10. If any church in this union shall become offended with a sister church in the point of faith or practice, it shall be the duty of the aggrieved church to endeavor to reclaim the church thus offending, and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, the aggrieved church shall then call in the aid of one or two other churches to act with the first two assisting churches; and it shall be the duty of the churches thus called, to investigate and decide upon the matter of dealing and to report the same to the Association; and if the said accused church be guilty as charged, the Association shall withdraw from her.

11. This Association may correspond with other Associations and Conventions of the same faith and order, and withdraw her correspondence at discretion.

12. Amendments to this Constitution may be made by two-thirds of the members in session.

13. This Association may have power to adjourn to any time and place she may deem most convenient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for Letters from churches and enroll the names of messengers.
3. Proceed to election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters from churches desiring admission into this body.
5. Appoint Committees on Preaching and Finance.
6. Receive Correspondents.
7. DUTIES OF MODERATOR.—It shall be the duty of the Moderator to call the members to order before the Association; to receive and submit all questions regularly moved, and announce the result; to enforce the observance of decorum in debate among the members, and in general to perform all the duties incumbent upon a presiding officer.
8. DUTIES OF CLERK.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a fair record of the proceedings; to notify committees of their appointment; to preserve the papers belonging to the Association, and to attend to the printing of the minutes, for which he shall receive a reasonable compensation.
9. DUTIES OF MEMBERS.—Members rising to speak shall address the Moderator. 2. Any member, in speaking, shall confine himself to the subject under consideration. 3. No member shall speak more than thrice on the same subject without permission from the Moderator. 4. No member will be permitted to indulge in talking or whispering, or any indecorous conduct, to the annoyance of the body in time of debate. 5. No member shall absent himself from the body without permission of the Moderator.
10. These Rules may be altered by a majority of the members at a regular session of this body.

ARTICLES OF FAITH, PROOF TEXTS

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God; the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—three in one. Matt. 3: 15-17; John 14: 16; Matt. 28: 29.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3: 16-17; 2 Peter 1: 19, 20, 21.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin; that Adam disobeyed God, and that all mankind inherited a sinful nature from Adam. Gen. 3: 1-17; Psalms 51: 5; Rom. 5: 12; Eph. 2: 1.

ART. 4. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by himself alone. John 6: 44; 1 Cor. 2: 14; Rom. 8: 7-8.

ART. 5. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the spirit, and belief of the truth. Rom. 11: 4-7; 2 Thes. 2: 13; 1 Peter 1: 2.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ. Acts 13: 39; Rom. 4: 11, 12 and 23, 24, 25; Gal. 2: 16.

ART. 7. We believe in the preservation of saints. Psalm 37: 23, 24, 28; Micah 7: 8; John 5: 24 and 10: 28; Rom. 8: 35-39; 1 Peter 1: 3-5.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, of perpetual obligation, and that none but true believers are fit subjects for the ordinances. John 1: 33; Matt. 3: 13-17; Matt. 28: 19; Acts 1: 22; Acts 2: 41; Matt. 26: 6-30; 1 Cor. 11: 23-26.

ART. 9. We believe in one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, and immersion only is baptism. Eph. 4: 5; Rom. 6: 4-6; Col. 2: 12; Acts 8: 38-39; Mark 1: 9-10.

ART. 10. We believe that no one is qualified to preach and administer the ordinances of the Gospel except he be called of God, as was Aaron, is set apart by, and is in good standing with the church of which he is a member, and come under the hands of a presbytery. Mark 3: 14; Acts 14: 23; 1 Tim. 2: 7, and 5: 22; Heb. 5: 4; John 4: 2; Acts 8: 38.

ART. 11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgement. John 5: 28-29; Rev. 20: 12-13; Acts 24: 15.

ART. 12. We believe the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Matt. 25: 46; Rev. 7: 15-16; Col. 3: 4; 1 Thess. 4: 17; 2 Thess. 1: 7-9; Rev. 20: 10, 14, 15; Matt. 25: 41-43; 2 Thess. 2: 13; Matt. 26: 26-30.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

ORDAINED.

W. T. Davis, Lineville.	R. E. Conger, Hackneyville.
J. W. Knowles, Lineville.	J. R. Conger, Hackneyville.
M. B. Garrett, Lineville.	J. J. McCord, Gibsonville.
J. R. Stodghill, Lineville.	C. I. Wesley, Chandler Springs.
C. J. Bentley, Ashland.	B. B. Cotton, Chandler Springs.
W. C. Brooks, Ashland.	W. H. Preston, Barfield.
J. N. Moore, Ashland.	J. W. Stephens, Barfield.
M. M. Driver, Millerville.	James Muncus, Almond.
W. H. Harvell, Millerville.	Oscar Johnson, Almond.
R. M. Allen, Emuckfaw.	W. Jones, Elias.
M. A. Johnson, Newsite.	Miles Holdridge, Sykesville.
R. J. Adamson, Ophelia.	L. F. Morgan, Chandler Springs.
W. H. Johnson, Chandler Springs.	W. M. Worthly, Maitland.
J. A. Dunn, Daviston.	J. C. Motley, Daviston.
	T. B. Fargason, Motley.

LICENTIATES.

R. E. Williams, Almond.	J. T. Anderson, Millerville.
J. L. Joiner, Maitland.	J. M. Fant, Daviston.
J. Willingham, Dingler.	D. R. Laney, Daviston.
G. W. McMullin, Wheelerville.	S. Bennett, Daviston.
G. R. Wolf, Lineville.	J. W. Dean, Miller Valley.
N. D. Parker, Maitland.	J. W. Carden, Chandler Springs.
G. C. Reid, Stockdale.	J. J. Ogle, Truitt.
	H. Ingram, Rozelle.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CAREY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1898.

CHURCH	MISSIONS					EDUCATION		Orphans' Home	Minutes	HOME EXPENSES			Value of Property
	State	Home	Foreign	Institute Work	Bible and Colportage	Ministerial	College Building, (Howard)			Pastor's Salary	Repairs and New Buildings	Poor, Fuel, Sundry Schools, Etc.	
Antioch, (Tallapoosa)	Cash and Voucher \$ 2 10	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher	Cash and Voucher \$ 1 80	\$ 1 35			\$ 2 55	\$ 300 00
Antioch, (Clay)									2 26	80 00		35 00	500 00
Ashland	17 50	4 77	\$ 22 93	\$ 4 18	\$ 2 00	\$ 4 20		12 17	1 90	30 00			50 00
Bethel, (Clay)								6 40	1 00				
Bethel, (Talladega)	70								80				
Bowden Grove									1 50				400 00
Concord	2 00	1 50	50						1 20	25 75		2 50	100 00
Corinth	1 00	1 00		1 50				1 50	1 25	37 50			
County Line	2 00			1 00				5 30	2 50	150 00	25 35	5 40	400 00
Daviston		6 93		9 94	1 50	8 61	1 75	25 91	1 00	15 00			80 34
Friendship		1 30							1 30				
Good Hope	2 00	4 00	4 00						1 80				350 00
Hatchett Creek	2 50								1 00				400 00
Holley Springs									2 60	400 00		81 00	800 00
Liberty	3 10	50	50			2 00		50	1 75			4 50	300 00
Lineville	16 92	50 00	67 22	14 32	5 00			36 69	2 05	65 00		3 85	
Lystra								5 00	1 40				350 00
Millerville	5 00	4 50	7 30	1 20				1 05	80				100 00
Mt. Calvary		2 46		1 25					1 50				400 00
Mt. Olive									1 35				300 00
Mt. Pisga									1 65				
Mt. Pleasant			2 50	6 25				11 25	1 80				500 00
Mt. Prospect			5 00						80				
Mt. Zion									1 10				350 00
Mountain Springs	1 95							2 00	1 00				300 00
Mt. Lebanon									1 25				300 00
New Hope			1 35						2 00	60 00			300 00
New Salem									2 00				350 00
Pole Bridge													
Providence	10 95		10 00	2 50						40 00			
Rocky Creek									50				
Rock Hill									2 25	50 00			500 00
Rock Springs	3 00			1 00					2 90				450 00
Salem									75				
Sardis	2 75		3 00					1 00	1 50	50 00		14 75	500 00
Shiloh	1 50	5 20	4 50	2 95				6 10	1 35	60 00		7 65	500 00
Spring Hill	4 90	2 90	6 90						1 50	38 75		15 25	400 00
Union	4 50							5 00	40				
Union Hill								50	50				
Big Springs													
	84.34	83.06	135.70	46.09	8.50	14.81	1.75	131.42					

STATISTICS OF CAREY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1898.

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership Last Reported	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY			Present Membership	SUNDAY SCHOOL			Preaching Sabbaths
						Baptism	Letter	Voucher	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death		Officers and Teachers	Pupils	SUPT. NAME AND P. O.	
Antioch	Tallapoosa	J. A. Iunn.	L. B. Champion	Truett	17	8	4		1	2			28	6	38	J. D. Fuller, Truett	3d
Antioch	Clay																
Ashland	Clay	C. J. Bentley	F. J. Ingram	Ashland	135	8	7		2	14		1	137	5	75	F. J. Ingram, Ashland	3d
Bethel	Clay	H. C. Knight	A. W. Brewer	Log Pit	72	14	1	1	2	6			84				4th
Bethel	Talladega	C. T. Wesley	W. W. Sheppard	Chandler Springs									21				1st
Bowden Grov	Clay	J. A. Shaddy	J. H. Watts	Ashland	45	4	1			5		3	42				2d
Concord	Clay	J. A. Shaddy	T. S. Barton	Flat Rock	74	10	4		3			4	87				3d
Corinth	Clay	C. T. Culpepper	W. S. W. Walker	Wesobulga	27	6	1			2			32				
County Line	Clay	W. H. Preston	H. H. Beaird	Mellow Valley	114	4							117				1st
Daviston	Tallapoosa	J. R. Stodghill	O. J. Ison	Daviston	140		12			12		1	137	7	52	Jno. D. Dunn, Daviston	4th
Friendship	Clay	C. I. Wesley	G. W. Wynn	Idaho	33					2		3	30				2d
Good Hope	Clay	W. H. Preston	W. H. Griffin	Lineville	57	2				5		2	52				4th
Hatchett Creel	Clay	M. B. Garrett	M. L. Ponder	Hatchet	98					6		1	91			A. S. Horn, Coleta	1st
Holley Springs	Clay																
Liberty	Clay	J. A. Dunn	J. E. Upchurch	Ashland	90	25	7	2	1	13	5	3	104	5	50	G. C. Haynes, Ashland	4th
Lineville	Clay	J. R. Stodghill	A. Bell	Lineville	220	9	16		1	12	2		232	8	120	B. H. Haynes, Lineville	1st-3d
Lystra	Clay	W. M. Worthy	T. E. Runyan	Ashland	90	19	7		2		5		112	5	35	T. E. Runyan, Ashland	2d
Millerville	Clay	O. P. Bentley	Felix Parsons	Millerville	99	9	6	1	1	12		2	102	3	65	W. M. Catchings, Millerville	2d
Mt. Calvary	Clay	J. A. Dunn	R. W. Claybrook	Emuckfaw	34						1	1	32				2d
Mt. Olive	Clay	H. R. Moore	A. H. Stephens	Wesobulga	33		8			6			27				2d
Mt. Pisga	Clay	M. A. Johnston	A. G. Mathis	Ayrshire	40	1	2	3		3	1		48				3d
Mt. Pleasant	Clay	W. M. Garrett	Y. J. A. Bartlett	Barfield	71	3	2			8	1	1	66	4	61	G. T. Moor, Barfield	4th
Mt. Prospect	Randolph	J. A. Shaddy	W. F. Strickland	Ofelia	96	2	3		1	13	4	2	83	7	50	J. T. Floyd, Ofelia	1st
Mt. Zion	Clay	J. W. Jones	J. W. Hughes	Millerville	64	1	1		2	3	1	1	63				2d
Mountain Spring	Chambers	J. C. Motley	J. T. Shivers	Acme	59		4		1	3	1		60				2d
Mt. Lebanon	Clay	B. B. Cotton	J. S. Wade	Ironaton	18	6	7			2			29				3d
New Hope	Randolph	R. J. Anderson	J. D. Farrow	Swann	32	3				2		2	31				2d
New Salem	Tallapoosa	M. A. Johnston	Jacob Lindsey	New Site	78	1	3				2	1	79				3d
Pole Bridge	Clay	W. H. Johnson	G. L. Griffin	Chandler Springs	62			2				1	60	8	40	G. W. Riley, Stockdale	
Providence	Tallapoosa	J. R. Conger	G. T. Vernon	Hackneyville	119	11	7			8	12	2	115	4	26	E. W. Vernon, Hackneyville	3d
Rocky Creek	Tallapoosa																
Rock Hill	Talladega	J. F. Morgan	J. E. T. Waites	Waldo		1				13			19				1st
Rock Springs	Clay		A. C. Sinclair	Elias	72	1	10		3	28	3		56				2d
Salem	Clay	W. M. Worthy	W. M. Farrow	Wesobulga	198	22	4		6	6	6	3	215				3d
Sardis	Clay	W. T. Davis	J. W. Hooton	Gibsonville	22	2	1			4			21	5	40	W. I. Low, Gibsonville	4th
Shiloh	Clay	S. J. Ingram	J. F. Preston	Maitland	78	5	7		2	6	2	1	83				4th
Spring Hill	Clay	C. J. Bentley	W. B. Wesley	Idaho	87	3	8			8			89	5	45	M. W. Whatley, Idaho	4th
Union	Clay	W. M. Worthy	T. B. Fargason	Motley	72	5	5			4		3	76	6	76	R. E. N. Rice, Motley	2d
Union Hill	Clay	H. Ingram	W. J. Williams	Rozell	9								9				
Zion Hill	Tallapoosa																
Big Springs	Clay	J. L. Joiner	M. D. Stone	Greshampton									10				

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